

BRIDGEWATER UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
May 22, 2019

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**WELCOME:**

The regular meeting of the Bridgewater United Church Council was held in the Sanctuary of Bridgewater United Church, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. Ewart Morse, Chair, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE-REGRETS:**

Council Members (Voting Delegates) Present:

- Laurel Cowie, Past Chair
- Ewart Morse, Chair
- David Walker, Vice Chair
- Corrine Zinck, Secretary
- Blake Hirtle, Treasurer
- Rev. Jeff Chant, Minister
- Marg Forbes, Ministry & Personnel Committee
- Tracy Rafuse, Faith Formation Committee
- Brian Buck, Finance Committee
- Kevin Morrison, Property Committee
- Sam Elsworth, Nominating Committee
- Ruth Rudderham, UCW
- Jack Logan, Regional Council Representative
- Bev Burgess, Member at Large
- Karen Crouse, Member at Large

Committee/Ministry Members/Guests Present (Non-voting): Ivan Rodenhiser, Marion Browne, Richard Greek.

Regrets: Randall Knox, Angela Clifton.

It was determined that a quorum was present.

**OPENING WORSHIP:**

David Walker, Worship Committee, opened the meeting with scripture, Matthew 26:28 and a devotional from *The Upper Room*.

**CORRESPONDING MEMBERS:**

**Motion:** Jack Logan/Ruth Rudderham that those persons present who are not Council members or designates can participate in discussion but will not have a vote.

**Motion Carried.**

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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion:** Bev Burgess/Sam Elsworth that the Agenda be approved as circulated.  
**Motion Carried.**

**MINUTES:**

- April 24, 2019 Church Council regular meeting:  
**Motion:** Tracy Rafuse/David Walker to approve the draft Minutes of the April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 regular Council Meeting as circulated. **Motion Carried.**
- May 15, 2019 Council Executive Minutes were circulated (for information only).

**APPROVAL OF FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**Motion:** Blake Hirtle/Brian Buck to approve the Finance Committee Report as circulated. **Motion Carried.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Minister's Report:**

Rev. Jeff Chant reported:

- The retreat for Church Council members will be scheduled for Saturday, September 14, 2019.
- Ways & Means Committee is looking at options for a concert series – nothing this spring/summer but in the fall. What is the risk tolerance for Bridgewater United Church? Options for the fall include: Dave Gunning, Lenny Gallant, Heather Rankin, Rawlins Cross, who all want a guaranteed rate plus a percentage of the profit. Consensus was to book something for fall and perhaps a concert for Christmas (Heather Rankin).

**UCW Report:**

Ruth Rudderham inquired whether Council wished to have “Punch and Cookies” receptions again this summer (before and after Sunday services). It was agreed to continue with the receptions, beginning on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Nominating Committee Report:**

Sam Elsworth reported that the last Nominating Committee meeting until fall would be held the second Tuesday in June. If there are any needs to be addressed by the Committee, please pass them along to Sam.

**Way Forward Committee Report:**

Jennifer Slauenwhite and possibly, Patricia Higgins, have expressed interest in the Communications Committee.

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**Inclusivity Committee Report:**

Discussion and an explanation regarding references in broadcast services.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Thank yous from Sunday School students (for information only).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**BUC Mission Team:**

**Motion:** Brian Buck/Bev Burgess that Church Council for Bridgewater United Church sponsor/endorse a Mission Trip by members/adherents of Bridgewater United to the Dominican Republic as part of the Servant's Heart Ministries, a Christian Organization based in Bridgewater to take place in 2020. **Motion Carried.**

**Bridgewater Day Care 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:**

Karen Crouse advised that Bridgewater Day Care will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the fall and inquired whether a Council representative is required to be on the planning committee. It was decided the Karen just come back to Council at the June meeting with a general plan for celebration.

**MOTION TO CLOSE:**

**Motion:** Jack Logan/Karen Crouse to close the meeting at 7:55 p.m. **Motion Carried.**

David Walker closed the meeting with a prayer.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary.

Respectfully submitted,

Corrine Zinck, Secretary

Ewart Morse, Chair